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(57) Abstract: The present invention provides an external preparation for skin, which comprises a multi-branched polysaccharide derivative with multi-branched polysaccharide skeleton consisting of saccharides as constituent units, wherein at least one of hydroxyl (OH) groups in the multi-branched polysaccharide skeleton is substituted by OR (wherein R represents a hydrogen atom, a hydrocarbon having 1 to 30 carbon groups or a hydrocarbon having 1 to 30 carbon groups which has hetero atom), which can give moisture and turgor to the skin, and cosmetics containing the external preparation.

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